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Applicant : S. WATARI et al  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 23, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition and fee for a three-month Extension of Time also accompanies this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Appendix** including formal drawing Fig. 11, copy of PTO-1449 filed October 9, 2003, and copy of verified English translations of JP 2000-050034 and JP 2000-054955 are attached following page 11 of this paper.